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My dear Mr. Chief Justice:

The Right Honourable Sir Robert Borden, Prime Minister of the Dominion, has informed me that in accordance with our request he had announced to you that the University of Toronto is very anxious to have the honour of conferring upon you the degree of Doctor of Laws at the Convocation which is to be held on Friday, May 17. Our intention is in offering this degree to you to express to you not only our great appreciation of your high personal distinction in the conduct of the office which you have so long held in the United States, but also, at this time to show as far as it lies in our power to the people of the United States our warm friendship and respect for those who are directing the affairs of the nation.

According to the statutes of the Senate the degree is not given in absence unless under very exceptional circumstances, and in this case we are of opinion that a visit from you to Toronto would be of the highest importance. May I ask you to be good enough to let me know whether we can count upon your coming to accept the degree ? With much respect, I am,

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Mr. Chief Justice White,

Supreme Court, Washington, D.C.

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